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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Probable Durenberger Amendment Regarding Assistance to Foreign Countries Involved with Narcotics

- 1. Following a briefing on the Intelligence Community role in narcotics, Mrs. Anne Greene, research assistant at the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence, asked Mr. William Kotapish, NIO/Narcotics, for his guidance regarding a proposed amendment. She said that Senator Durenberger wishes to offer an amendment suggesting that the U.S. Government should not give assistance to foreign countries involved in narcotics, specifically Panama. (The 12 June 1986 New York Times article by Seymour Hirsch on Noriega prompted this request.)
- 2. Messrs. Kotapish and provided general ideas, which included that Panama might not be a good example. Mr. Kotapish offered to establish contact for Mrs. Greene with Ms. Ann Wrobleski of the Bureau for International Narcotics Matters at State Department. The Hawkins-Gelman (?) Amendment on withholding assistance to foreign countries involved in narcotics was discussed and it was suggested that it might be a good idea to ask what type of amendment would be helpful in the narcotics area.

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